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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/603,487	Applicant(s) GARCIA ET AL.	
	Examiner Phong H. Nguyen	Art Unit 3724	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35, 42-50 and 55-58 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-34 and 42-49 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 35, 50 and 56-58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 50 and 55-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Regarding claim 50, it is unclear how the rotatable shaft can move “towards the front portion of the miter base and towards the rear portion”.

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 35 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 35 recites the limitation "the bevel housing" in line 16. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

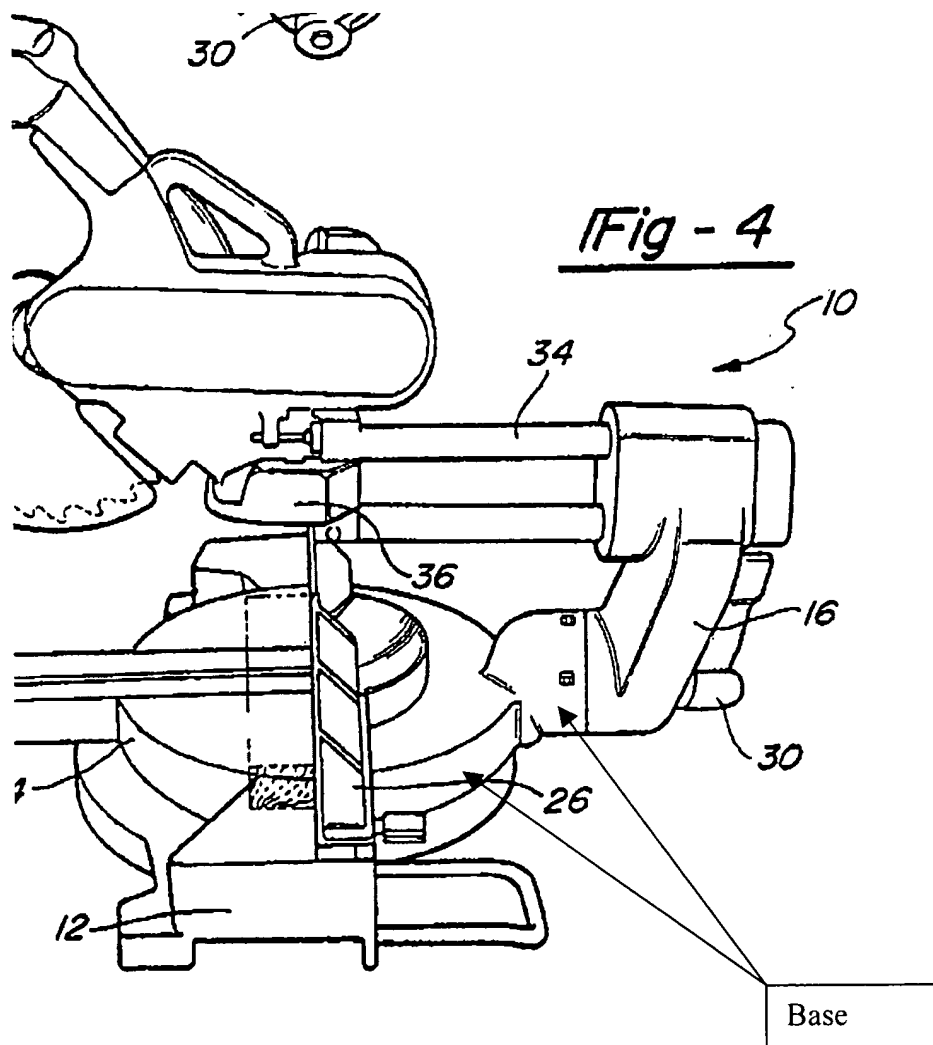
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

6. Claim 35 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brunson et al. (6,067,885), hereinafter Brunson.

Regarding claim 35, Brunson teaches a miter saw comprising a base, a bevel support 16, a saw assembly, and a bevel lock having a grippable portion 54 having a cam surface 66, a bevel housing and a generally cylindrical shaft 40. See Figs. 4, 5 and 7.



Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 02/21/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding Applicant's argument with respect to claims 50 and 55-58, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 4 and 6, the shaft 40 is held fixed at both ends by gears 50 and 30, thus, the shaft 40 cannot be pulled toward the front portion of the miter saw.

Regarding Applicant's argument with respect to claim 30, the grip surface is indirectly attached to the base through the shaft 40; and as the saw assembly is pulled down for cutting during a cutting process, the guard is between the bevel lock and the bevel support.

Regarding Applicant's argument with respect to the rotation of the shaft in the paragraph beginning at line 16, since the structure of the shaft and the cam are not positively claimed, the structure of the shaft is interpreted alone, not in the combination of the cam. The shaft in Brunson is constructed to rotate (not in the combination of the pin and the gripping portion) since it has a cylindrical shape; and the shaft is under tension or detention due to the rotation of the cam surface.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phong H. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4510. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

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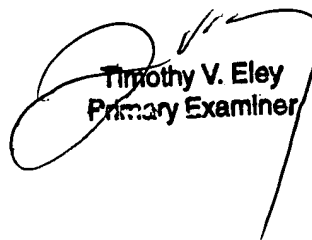
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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